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Dr. Stella Melugin Coakley has been an Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences at the Oregon State University since January 2004; during 2004, she also served as the President of the Faculty Senate at Oregon State University. She is a Professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University and served as Department Head from 1988-2003. A Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, she was on the scientific steering committee of the Global Change Terrestrial Ecosystem Program, a project of the International Geosphere Biosphere Program. Her particular responsibility was for the area of global change impacts on pests, pathogens, and weeds. Her research area is in quantifying the impact of global climate change on plant disease occurrence; she is the author or co-author of several reviews on this topic. She has spoken nationally and internationally on how global warming may impact plant diseases and other pests.